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HOUSE BILL 169

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; CHANGING THE CALCULATION FOR
DETERMINING ENROLLMENT GROWTH PROGRAM UNITS; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-8-23.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990
(1st S.S.), Chapter 3, Section 7, as amended) is amended to
read:

"22-8-23.1. ENROLLMENT GROWTH PROGRAM UNITS. --

A. A school district with an increase in MEM equal
to or greater than one percent, when compared with the
immediately preceding year, is eligible for additional program
units. The increase in MEM shall be calculated as follows:

(Current Year MEM - Previous Year MEM) X 100 = Percent Increase
Previous Year MEM

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1 The number of additional program units shall be calculated as
2 follows:

3 ((Current Year MEM - Previous Year MEM) - (Current Year
4 MEM x .01)) X Adjusted Average Units Per MEM = Units.

5 B. In addition to the units calculated in
6 Subsection A of this section, a school district with an
7 increase in MEM equal to or greater than one percent, when
8 compared with the immediately preceding year, is eligible for
9 additional program units. The increase in MEM shall be
10 calculated in the following manner:

11 (Current Year MEM - Previous Year MEM)
12 Previous Year MEM X 100 = Percent Increase.

13 The number of additional program units to which an eligible
14 school district is entitled under this subsection is the number
15 of units computed in the following manner:

16 ((Current Year MEM [for current year] - Previous Year MEM
17 [for prior year]) X .50 = Units
18 [where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including
19 early childhood education full-time equivalent membership and
20 special education membership].

21 C. As used in this section:

22 (1) "adjusted average units per MEM" means the
23 statewide average number of units per current year MEM,
24 excluding the units that are attributable to projected growth;

25 (2) "current year MEM" means MEM on the

1 fortieth day of the current year;

2 (3) "MEM" means the total school district
3 membership, including early childhood education full-time
4 equivalent membership and special education membership, but
5 excluding full-day kindergarten membership for the first year
6 that full-day kindergarten is implemented in a school pursuant
7 to Subsection D of Section 22-2-19 NMSA 1978; and

8 (4) "previous year MEM" means MEM on the
9 fortieth day of the previous year."

10 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Six million three hundred
11 thousand dollars (\$6,300,000) is appropriated from the general
12 fund to the state department of public education for
13 expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to fund the increase in
14 enrollment growth program units for school districts. Any
15 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
16 fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

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